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**A GERMAN OFFICER SHOT AT DRILL.**  
**SIX PRIVATES EXECUTED.**  
During a military drill on Hainberg Plain, near Nuremberg, Major Rosenfelder, the commanding officer, was shot in the back and died on the spot within half an hour. Immediate investigation revealed the fact that the extreme severity of Major Rosenfelder excited continuous discontent, and this led to the conclusion that he was deliberately murdered.  
The Nuremberg military authorities, being unable to detect the perpetrator, selected six notorious malcontents whose connection with the anti-war Socialists was proved and whose whole conduct was considered as undermining discipline. They shot all six as executioners for Rosenfelder's murder. A proclamation announcing the execution of six privates was paraded within the barracks of Nuremberg and in other towns of South Germany as a warning to the army.  
**THE PANAMA CANAL.**  
**UNWELCOME CURIOSITY REGARDING DEFENCES.**  
**NEW LEGISLATION FORESHADOWED.**  
New York, Aug. 6.  
The New York Times prints the following dispatch from Washington:—  
The conviction of certain persons suspected of being employed by a foreign Government for the purpose of getting information about the defences of the Panama Canal have caused the Administration to decide to request Congress to supplement the existing laws against the improper acquisition of knowledge regarding the military and naval fortifications and plans.  
A conference to be held on the subject is expected to agree to drastic legislation being framed.  
Several military Powers are believed to have undertaken to obtain information regarding the character of the Canal defences.  
The latest incident exciting suspicion is the operations of a Japanese power vessel, ostensibly a fishing launch, the master of which sought to obtain a permit to carry on pearl-fishing operations in Panama Bay.  
The Canal authorities have been told that this vessel appeared to be making surveys along the coast.  
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## GERMAN WAR MEDALS FOR THE NATION.

CLUMSY HUMOUR AND SATIRE.

The British Museum has recently  
acquired, for the most part as a gift from  
a friend of the National Collections, a  
small but representative series of medals  
made in Germany since the outbreak of  
the war. Although these medals bear no  
signs of being issued by official authority,  
the impression they give is that they  
constitute part of the semi-official  
propaganda which Germany has developed  
to so remarkable a degree.

But whatever their origin, there can  
be no doubt that they provide a singularly  
interesting index to the state of mind of  
the Germans, and it is fortunate that a  
number of these medals have been  
secured for the National Collections,  
although, as the galleries are closed, they  
will not be visible to the public until  
after the war.

There are, it would appear, many  
Englishmen who are reluctant to believe  
that a medal was actually issued to  
glorify the sinking of the Lusitania; but  
here is a specimen of this very piece.  
On one side is a crowd of Americans  
taking tickets at the Cunard office; the  
clerk who deals them out is a grisly  
skeleton. The motto is *Geschick über  
Alles*—Business above everything.

On the other side we see the Lusitania  
down, and the inscription tells us that  
the liner was sunk by a German subma-  
rine on 5th May, 1915 (the actual date  
was 7th May). Above the vessel we read  
the motto, "No contraband," and the  
justification is provided by the munitions  
of war (including a fully-rigged scorp-  
plane) with which her decks are piled.  
A final touch of verisimilitude is seen in  
her stem, which has a ram like that of  
a warship. This medal—which has just  
been compared with the medal issued  
by Gregory XIII. to commemorate the  
massacre of St. Bartholomew—is by a  
person of the name of Goetz, who appears  
to be by far the most prolific among the  
medallists who are satisfying the present  
demand for stuff of this kind.

The satirical medal, which was in the  
18th century so popular as an expression  
of political feeling, has once more been  
revived, but dumplings of conception and  
execution, usually robs the satire of half  
its pungency. Much more could have  
been made, for instance, of the idea of  
advertising the arrival of the Indian  
troops in France as if they were a circus.  
But the Indian who is carrying a placard  
announcing (with five mistakes in the  
French) the grand attraction, and the  
Highlander, represented as casual about  
15ft. high, who is showing the Indian  
elephant on to the theatre of war, are  
not funny, and are certainly vulgar. The  
only really humorous designs are uncon-  
sciously so. Bismarck—in the pose of  
the famous statue—promoting over the  
waves an adaptation to Britain of Cato's  
denunciation of Carthage, looks for all the  
world as if he had taken refuge in an  
air-ship from the tide which is rising to  
overwhelm him. Still more amusing,  
in its production of an effect exactly the  
opposite of what was intended, is one of  
the "Gott Strafe England" medals of  
Admiral von Tirpitz. It is impossible not  
to feel sorry for the artist who is asked  
to do anything with the hero's features,  
except in the way of caricature. But the  
reverse design surpasses all expectations.  
Napoleon is seen seated on a submarine  
and shaking his fist at British shipping.  
Something in the way in which the  
subject is treated irresistibly suggests that  
he has been marooned and is venting his  
impotent rage at the ship that has  
deserted him.

Von Tirpitz is naturally one of the chief  
heroes of this series of medals, but few  
of the names that have become familiar  
to us are missing from the gallery. The  
reverse of Von Kluck's portrait represents  
a "Fury" sailing "To Paris, 1914," an  
intelligent anticipation which reminds us  
of the medal "swank" London, with  
which the Kaiser commemorated the

invasion of England which was never to  
take place. Count von Zeppelin has a  
view of London in the neighbourhood of  
the Tower Bridge going up in flames  
under an attack by airships on 17th-18th  
August, 1915. The reverse of the Crown  
Prince Wilhelm's medal represents him  
as a young Siegfried, in heroic nudity,  
attacking with his sword the many-headed  
monster of the Allies. The fact that the  
monster, in spite of the hero's efforts,  
shows no trace of injury, and the  
suggestion of subtle and malicious calu-  
mny in the Prince's portrait, must be  
understood, we suppose, as the artist's  
unintentional homage to truth.

Taken as a whole, the medals illustrate  
the difficulty of gathering the facts of  
history from records which are made at  
the time under the influence of political  
passion. But they are of historical value,  
as showing the psychological condition of  
the nation that produces them. It is  
occurred to our medallists, the British  
spirits could surely be equally well  
expressed in the same medium without  
the brutality which appears to be  
necessary to the German case.

## SON OF A GERMAN.

BORN IN ENGLAND IS A BRITISH SUBJECT.

An interesting question arising under  
the Military Service Act came before a  
Justice of the Peace at the County Court, consist-  
ing of Justices Ridley, Avery, and Atkins.  
Mr. Branson, for the military authori-  
ties, explained that a young man named  
William Kropp, aged nineteen, the son  
of German parents, who had lived in  
Lancashire, was called up for service  
with the Colours. He was unmarried,  
and was born in the country; but his  
father was now in Germany. When he  
was brought before the magistrate  
charged with failing to report himself,  
the man contended that he was a Ger-  
man subject and not liable to military  
service. The magistrate dismissed him  
on the ground that when of full age  
he might make a declaration of allegiance,  
and might elect to become a German  
subject.

Counsel argued that whatever the  
man might do when he was twenty-one  
was of no consequence at present, for he  
was declared to be a British subject, and  
as such was liable to come within the  
Military Service Act.

For the respondent, Mr. Schiller, K.C.,  
said the man was according to German  
law a German, because he was the child  
of a German father and mother. His  
father, he believed, was now fighting in  
Germany, and the difficulty was  
that if the magistrate was wrong,  
the man would find it impossible to  
escape a charge of high treason for  
fighting against his country or the  
other.

Mr. Justice Ridley said the man was a  
British subject, but he was also the  
subject of the German State, because his  
parents were German. He could when  
he reached the age of twenty-one, cease  
to be a British subject if he chose. It  
had been said that it was inconvenient  
for a man to own two allegiances, and no  
doubt it was; but such inconveniences  
had happened and would happen  
again. Still, the respondent made  
a declaration of allegiance, he was a  
British subject and was liable to serve.  
The appeal of the military against the  
magistrate's decision would be allowed  
with costs.

The other judges concurred.

## LOSING WEIGHT BY THE POUND

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**MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.**  
 8.15 p.m.—The Palace, Kowloon.  
**MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.**  
 8.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Bicycles, Typewriters, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
**General Memoranda.**  
**THURSDAY, August 24.**  
 8.15 p.m.—Cinema-fograph Entertainment at Peak Club.  
**FRIDAY, August 25.**  
 8.30 p.m.—Illustrated Lecture by Mr. Frederic Coleman, F.R.G.S., at Government House.  
**SATURDAY, August 26.**  
 8.30 p.m.—Lecture by Mr. Frederic Coleman, F.R.G.S., at Peak Club.  
**TUESDAY, August 29.**  
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, August 22, 1916.

## JAPAN'S GROWING POPULATION.

THE increasing pressure of the population in Japan is a frequent topic of discussion in the newspaper press of that country, and we have noticed also that some American writers, oppressed by the bogey of a future conflict between Japan and the United States, have discovered that "in conquest or the opening up of new and desirable lands for her enormous increase in population" the secret and the only justification for the crushing load of taxation and the huge capital outlay in armaments which Japan is bearing are to be found. Statistics go to show that Japan has nearly doubled her population in fifty years; but a census of the Japanese people throughout the world would doubtless show that the Japanese population as a whole has increased at an even greater rate. In 1874 the population of Japan proper was ascertained to be 33,625,646; in 1913 it was 53,356,788. The figures for 1874 represented practically all the Japanese people in the world, for at that date very few indeed were abroad; but to-day there are many thousands of Japanese living abroad, not only in Korea, China, and Formosa, but in North and South America, in Europe, in the South-Sea Islands and many other parts of the world, so that the figures given for "Japan Proper" can only serve broadly as an index of the growth of the race as a whole. The American pessimist assumes that the Chinese population must grow at something like the same rate and he foresees a time when they must inevitably demand a larger outlet for this increasing population in the New World. Thus we are told that in the next twenty-five years Japan must find room for another 35,000,000 people, while China will theoretically be compelled to find room for an increase of 200,000,000. These writers regard both China and Japan as already over-populated, but we never find a Japanese writer adopting such assumptions, especially with regard to China; and it may be of interest to many to read the following expression of opinion on the subject by a Japanese writer which we quote from the *Herald of Asia*: "The population of the Hokkaido, about two millions now, may be trebled without causing any signs of congestion. A more promising field for emigration, however, is the neighbouring continent. Chosen, with nearly two-thirds the area of Japan proper, at present contains a population of only 16,000,000 souls. Supposing that the country is capable of maintaining the same number of people per area as Japan proper, its population may without any serious inconvenience be increased to 35,000,000. Then again Manchuria and Mongolia should be able to absorb in course of a generation at least a million settlers. So it will be noticed that there is room within our own dominions and spheres of influence for a further expansion of population by twenty-five millions."

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The English Episcopal Church at Nagasaki has been almost completely wrecked by the collapse of the roof.

There is much complaint in Canton about the high price of firewood. One dollar buys only 60 catties now. The restaurants are making arrangements to use coal.

The President has sent three Members of Parliament to Shanghai with an autograph letter to Tung Shao Yi urging him to come to Peking immediately.

A cook in the employ of the Garrison at Belcher's Fort was sent to prison for two months for stealing the rations. He took 8 lbs of beef which robbed each man of the ration of a third of a lb.

According to the Chinese Calendar, to-morrow, the 25th day of the 7th moon, is Ch'u-shu, the "stopping of heat." But we warn our readers that this does not necessarily mean we shall have no more hot weather this season.

In the Supreme Court this morning the Chief Justice, Sir Wm. Rees Davies, commented strongly on being asked to take a civil action while he was in the middle of a murder trial. The civil action was an application for an injunction which his Lordship said ought to have been taken in chambers.

A Peking telegram to Japan states:—The Chinese Government has obtained loans from the International Banking Corporation, the Chartered Bank and the Belgian Bank for a sum of \$2,000,000, each, making a total of \$6,000,000, and paid off the military expense for the armies in Peking and Tientsin.

The *Lienwah*, the new red-funnel steamer put on the run over the rapids from Ichang to Chungking, has returned Shanghai to dock. It was found on her maiden trip to Chungking that some things in the engine room needed rectifying and this is to be done at once. The vessel is expected to return about the end of this month and will take up her run again immediately.

The return of cases of communicable disease in the Colony of Hongkong during the week ended August 19th shows 7 fatal cases of cholera (all imported), 15 cases of enteric fever (5 in the city and 10 in other districts), six of the cases proving fatal, three of them having been imported; three fatal cases of small pox and one fatal case of measles. Chinese were the victims in every case.

It will no doubt be of interest to many residents in the Far East to know that Mrs. A. Seth, the wife of Mr. A. Seth, I.S.C., for some time Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hongkong and also Registrar of Companies, was one of the flag-sellers in London on the French National Fete Day, July 14. Although sixty years of age, Mrs. Seth was busy selling flags for four hours, and was able to dispose of a complete tray-full of flags.—*N. C. Daily News*.

The "New York Clipper" of July 15 contains the following note from its Chicago correspondent:—"Of the Summer garden features now being offered, the most novel (and, incidentally, one of the most successful from a remunerative standpoint) is the Tsingtau Military Band at Riverview, playing in the interest of German-Austro-Hungarian war relief. 'The romantic story of the band members' escape from the besieged German city in China,' it is said, 'appeals to Chicagoans, who like the idea of listening to a well-rendered concert and contributing to charity at the same time.'"

## CHOLERA IN THE FAR EAST.

Japan papers of August 12th state that up to that date 35 cases of cholera had been reported in Nagasaki, and that 18 had proved fatal.

A Manila paper of Sunday August 13th states that on the previous Friday there were 10 cases of cholera in Manila. Provincial reports showed only 14 cases.

## THE SITUATION AT CANTON.

While Luk Wing Ting, the Governor-General designate, still remains at Shui Hing, he has sent an advance guard on to Fatsan. It is noticed that the arms these men bear were supplied from the Hangyang Arsenal (opposite Hankow).

Serious fighting is reported to have taken place in the White Cloud Hills where a gang of bandits attempted to gain possession of a fort.

A Peking telegram mentions that Lung Chai Kwong has telegraphed to the Government asking them where his troops may be located. The telegram suggests that he may be allowed to station his troops at Kowchow.

## WEIRD ANIMALS ON THE PEAK.

A correspondent writes:—"I see it has been suggested by the Editor of one of your contemporaries that the 'pugs' on the hill side, which have been identified as those of a full-grown tiger, are 'more likely to be those of one of the wild deer that are occasionally seen on the Peak.'"

"Je-hoshaphat," I have often heard of weird animals on the island of Hongkong, but a deer which makes "pugs" like those of a full-grown tiger must surely be the weirdest of them all.

"Such animals must be worth hunting. Zoos and travelling menageries would doubtless pay big prices for them."

"I have often seen deer on the Peak and have frequently observed their footprints but never have I been able to discern claws on a deer's foot, or any indications on the ground that claws may have been hidden in the cloven hoof."

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Captain G. R. Paramore, of the China Merchants, left Shanghai on 15th inst. en route to England on holiday.

A Shanghai contemporary learns that Lieut. R. L. Hibberdine, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, has been wounded in action.

Judge E. H. Gary, Chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, has come to China on a visit. He is accompanied by his wife.

Captain Newell, the American Military Attaché in Peking, and Lieut. Commander Hutchins, the American Naval Attaché, are in Mongolia on a hunting trip.

Many residents in China will regret to hear that news has been received of the recent death in Ireland of Mrs. Maza, the eldest sister of the late Sir Robert Hart.

Herr Franz Eckert, a German musician, long connected with the Japanese Imperial Household and the Navy, and who set the Japanese national anthem "Kimigayo" to music, has died at his residence in Seoul. The late Herr Eckert was one of the pioneer introducers of western music into Japan.

The name of Lieut. A. Lyall, of the Highland Light Infantry, appears amongst the officers killed in the Casualty list published on the 15th July. Lieut. Lyall was formerly of Shanghai, being a draftsman in the firm of Farham, Body & Co. He was also a member of "A" Co., S.V.C. His brother, who was a lieutenant in the same regiment, was killed at the same time.

Mr. Pirry, Director General of Chinese Posts, who returned to Franco on furlough last year, has asked for further leave of absence. A Tientsin paper states that Mr. Han Shik-yin, Minister of Communications, has ordered Mr. Wong Ching-shun, Director of Peking Post Office, to make necessary preparations for the improvement of the postal service so that it may be placed under pure Chinese control at some future time.

## THE LAW COURTS.

## TRADE MARK FOR OIL.

## STANDARD OIL COMPANY GET AN INJUNCTION.

The Standard Oil Company of New York through Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist), obtained a perpetual injunction in the Supreme Court this morning against the Wing On Tai to restrain defendants from using the "Star" trade mark of the Standard Oil Co., with an undertaking to obliterate a trade mark which might be taken to resemble the Standard Oil Company's trade mark, found on a large number of cases of oil from America, but not emanating from the plaintiffs.

Mr. Jenkin told his Lordship, Sir Wm. Rees Davies K.C., before whom the application was made, that, as his Lordship would probably know, the applicant Company was well known throughout the East and America, and probably further, and sold a very famous brand of oil which was called the "Star" brand. Early in August they arrived in the Colony just over 2,000 cases (2,444) of kerosene oil which was not the Standard Oil Company's oil, but was imported from some other firm in America and which bore a trade mark which, though not quite the same trade mark, closely resembled it. It bore the word "Estrella" superimposed over the mark, while the applicants had the word "Star" superimposed over their mark. This consignment of 2,000 cases odd was sold to purchasers in Macao, and plaintiffs became aware of this and learnt that a further consignment was coming forward. A further 2,555 cases arrived in the Colony, which made 5,000 cases in all. The second consignment of the cases was seized and plaintiffs started civil proceedings for an injunction. The defendants were unrepresented but their solicitor was in Court and he (Counsel) understood that they consented to the order. Plaintiffs did not claim any damages, but merely asked for an injunction, the obliteration of the mark, and the payment of the plaintiffs' costs. Counsel intimated the action would be withdrawn on the order being made. His Lordship made the order.

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## RANSOMED AT SUNNING BY A FATHER.

Arraigned on an indictment of kidnapping a six-year-old Chinese boy, formerly living at 247, Shanghai Street, Yammat's man and woman pleaded not guilty before Mr. Justice Gompertz and a special jury.

The Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. Orme, outlined the case, mentioning that the boy was taken away and smuggled on board a Kowloon-bound boat and afterwards transhipped in the dead of night to a small Chinese village in Sunning. Here he suffered the greatest privations having to work at a farm house and being allowed only starvation rations. The father of the boy traced his son and was able to ransom him for \$270. He made enquiries and found that his son had been sold for \$140 at Yumati.

The jurors were—Messrs. H. Hancock (foreman), J. Reid, M. J. Fortie, N. C. McIntyre, Look Poon, C. B. de Souza and F. Bevington.

The jury by a majority of 5 to 2 found the woman and man guilty respectively.

Mr. Orme said kidnapping in China was regarded as only one degree above murder as it destroyed the next generation.

Each prisoner was sentenced to five years' hard labour.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## IMPUDENT CHAIR COOLIE.

Mrs. Angela Alves of Macdonell Road charged two chair coolies with behaving rudely and demanding more than the legal fare on Monday.

Complainant said she engaged the chair to go to Queen's Road and back and paid the first man 30 cents. He declined to accept this, blocked her way and pulled her by the arm. She called out for help and when the coolies heard the front door open they ran away with the chair.

Inspector Garrod said such cases were serious.

Mrs. Alves said the first man was the offender.

Mr. Wood discharged the second man and fined the first \$15 on the combined charges or default 14 days.

## CLOSING SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Banks	130 p.m.
Docks	120 p.m.
Engines	110 p.m.
Wharves	100 p.m.
Def. Indus.	90 p.m.
Cements	80 p.m.
Star Paper	70 p.m.

## CHOLERA PRECAUTIONS.

## ATTITUDE OF SANITARY BOARD MEMBERS.

## THE PROBLEM OF OVER-CROWDING.

An important meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon.

There were present Mr. W. D. Taitman (presiding), Mr. A. E. Churchill (acting Vice-Chairman for Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Col. Crisp, R.A.M.C., Dr. Ozorio, Messrs. F. B. L. Bowley, P. W. Goldring, Chan Kai Ming, Ng Hon Taz, Dr. Woodman (Medical Officer of Health), and Mr. Bowen Rolands (secretary).

## DR. OZORIO'S QUESTIONS.

The following questions were asked by Dr. Ozorio:—

- What steps are being taken by the Government to prevent overcrowding in the Chinese quarters of the City?
- Is the water supply constant in the Chinese quarters? If not, will the Government attend to this in order to prevent the storage system, having regard to the fact that the latter is conducive to the contamination of the water supply?
- How many cases of cholera have been reported within the last week of these cases?
- How many were imported?
- How many were local?
- Are there any suspicious cases of acute Gastro Enteritis causing the two deaths on the 25th and 15th ultimo were caused by the Cholera Vibrio?
- What steps does the Government intend to take in the unhappy event of there being an epidemic of Cholera in the Colony?

The President replying said:—

- In view of the exceptional conditions which have recently prevailed, it has not been possible to enforce the law as to overcrowding in its entirety. I have to-day consulted the Board on this question.
- The supply is constant at present and will probably remain so for another month at any rate. Whether it will remain so throughout the dry season depends entirely on the quantity of water impounded in the Ty-tam-tuk reservoir, and this again depends upon the rainfall.
- During the week ending on the date in question there were seven cases of cholera. All imported.
- "Yes" in the first case; "No" in the second.
- The Government is prepared, if necessary, to supplement the ordinary provisions for dealing with an epidemic by segregating contacts in the Lai-chi-kok Quarantine Station which has been made ready for the purpose. I may add that all cases of acute gastro enteritis which give any ground for suspicion of cholera will be disinfectant immediately as for cholera, without waiting for the results of a bacteriological examination.

## CHOLERA IN KWANTUNG.

Mr. Bowley asked:—

- In view of the influx of refugees from Kwangtung what steps, if any, are being taken to prevent overcrowding in the Colony?
- What steps, if any, are being taken to prevent the introduction of cholera and other diseases by Chinese arriving in the Colony by land or water from Kwangtung?

The President answered:—

- The same as the reply to the first question by Dr. Ozorio.
- The Government has no intimation that cholera is prevalent at any place in the Kwangtung province. H.M. Consul-General at Canton, in reply to an enquiry addressed to him, states that so far as his information goes, there have been only three or four isolated cases of cholera in Canton. The situation is being carefully watched.

## THE BOARD AND STRINGENT MEASURES.

The President intimated in a minute that he wanted to take the opinion of the Board as to the attitude to be adopted by the Executive with respect to cubicles and similar illegities during the troubles in South China.

Mr. Bowley minutes:—In view of the high death rate, I do not think that any sanitary precautions should be relaxed.

Mr. Chan Kai Ming:—There is nothing unusual in the death rate for the month of July, which was always the highest for the year. I am not in favour of stringent measures being taken against cubicles during the present trouble in South China.

Mr. Ng Hon Taz:—I think the reason of the high death rate in July

was due to the large temporary increase in the population owing to the influx of refugees from Canton. It would not be advisable to discuss the question of cubicles at present as I understand there are more passengers returning to than there are arriving from Canton.

HIGH DEATH RATE.

Regarding the mortality returns for Hongkong for the week ending August 6th, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley minutes:—

The death rate is again abnormally high, 40.2 per mille for the city and 38.6 for the Colony, although there is no epidemic and the weather was unusually fine. Of the 893 deaths, 172 were children under five and of these bronchitis, pneumonia and pleurisy account for 43 deaths and enteritis for 37. I understand that these diseases are generally due to careless nursing or feeding and are not dangerous if promptly and properly treated. Possibly the Tung Wah and other hospitals for Chinese could make better provision for the treatment of these cases, especially among the poorest classes.

The Medical Officer of Health in reply said:—

The death rate of 30 per thousand for the month of July and that of 40.2 per thousand for the week ending August 6th are figures which are accurate for the time they deal with only and cannot be compared with other similar periods, owing to the large margin for variation that exists from temporary causes when dealing with small numbers and periods of time. For instance there were, I am informed, about 100,000 refugees from Canton during this period and these are not taken into consideration when the death rates are worked out. If they had been about 20 for the month and 20 for the week, I do not agree that a sunny dry July is necessarily healthy.

The mortality amongst children is very much to be regretted but it is a question of the higher education of the mothers rather than the sanitary measures. It has always presented great trouble to the Municipal Authorities in England and is now partially met by the appointment of nurses to go to visit all mothers immediately after child birth and give them instruction.

Over 100 of the deaths occurred at the Italian or French Convents and I think if a visit is paid to either of these institutions the most striking feature is the number of apparently moribund children that are saved, not that so many die.

The difficulty is not in getting suitable treatment but in getting the mothers to bring their children to the Hospital before it is too late for the treatment to save their lives.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax said the impression which was generally abroad regarding overcrowding appeared to be the working of an "Alarmist Society." Before the first threat of the present trouble in Canton Hongkong had a good deal of Chinese accommodation vacant and two of the reasons were the boom in the building of Chinese flats and a period of very bad trade. At the commencement of the trouble it was estimated that the population increased 70,000 and the vacant accommodation which was in the Colony became utilised. At the next stage of the trouble, when fighting actually took place in the neighbourhood of Canton, the influx began again and the population was increased by not more than 30,000. A large number of those could pay their own way and returned at once when they ascertained the price of accommodation. It seemed to him the highest point had been passed. Sleeping in the open air was not unusual and was not in excess of previous summers. There was no overcrowding except at Hotels where people flocked generally from the night boat and were unable to obtain permanent refuge until the morning. The Tung Wah Hospital and several Chinese gentlemen had offered \$20,000 or \$40,000 to provide matbeds for the refugees, but this was not required. It was purely a matter of distributing the accommodation available.

Mr. Bowley also spoke deprecating any suspension of the bye-law relating to cubicles. "I eventually a motion to this effect was carried," Mr. Goldring seconded.

## SERVANTS' FRIENDS.

Mr. Bowley carried a motion to warn householders of the dangers of infection from Chinese sleeping in the servants' quarters other than the regular servants. "The best time to catch them," he said, "was about 11 p.m. but the householder would have to appear at the Court and say they were intruders. A householder who would not do that deserved all he got."

Dr. Ozorio seconded the motion which was approved.

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# THE WAR.

## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE ANGLO-FRENCH OFFENSIVE.

#### ENEMY BOMBING ATTACKS ON HIGHWOOD.

General Haig reports: After heavy bombardment three bombing attacks were made on Highwood. All were easily repulsed. We withdrew some of our covering patrols before strong enemy detachments, but the latter were unable to progress, when they came under our fire west of the wood.

#### THE POSSESSION OF FLEURY. POWERFUL GERMAN ATTACK REPULED.

PARIS, Aug. 21. A communique states that a powerful German attack on Fleury has been repulsed with serious losses. The attack was accompanied by liquid fire. It was checked by our curtain fire and rifle fire. There has been violent artillery work on the Somme. We took six field-guns in the wood we carried yesterday, between Manneville and Guillemont. Operations are proceeding on the entire front of the Eastern Army (Balkans).

#### FEWER BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Aug. 21. It is noteworthy that the casualties arriving in England from France is not a quarter what they were at the opening of the British offensive.

#### THE ENEMY ON THE SOMME FRONT.

PARIS, Aug. 21. The Temps states that the enemy has half-a-million troops on the Somme front. Field-Marshal von Mackensen is said to be commanding.

#### GERMANY AND PEACE.

##### A QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Aug. 21. In the House of Commons Mr. Byles drew attention to statements to the effect that Herr Zimmermann, the German Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, had often declared the German Government's readiness to negotiate peace but that Great Britain had prevented the Entente responding. Mr. Asquith replied that Germany had not yet shown a disposition to agree to peace except on terms intolerable or humiliating to some of our Allies. (Cheers.) The suggestion that Great Britain was influencing the Entente was quite untrue. Mr. Asquith added that no peace terms had been suggested officially.

#### THE MILITARY CROSS.

LONDON, Aug. 21. It is announced in the Gazette that the Military Cross has been awarded Lieutenant O. T. Boyd (R.F.C.) for conspicuous gallantry in a bombing raid in unfavourable weather. He descended below a thousand feet and, despite heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, he bombed and fired with his machine-gun on a train.

#### STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Aug. 21. The British steamer, Swedish Prince, has been sunk.

#### THE EMPLOYMENT OF NATIVE TROOPS.

LONDON, Aug. 21. In the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George, replying to Mr. Wedgwood, expressed his willingness privately to convey the results of the communications with the Military Authorities in Africa on the subject of the employment of native troops for garrison purposes in Egypt and at Aden and actively in Mesopotamia.

### THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE.

#### PROGRESS IN STOKHOD REGION.

PETERSBURG, Aug. 21. Official: We are advancing in the region of the Stokhod where on the 18th and 19th we took 1,850 prisoners, 18 machine-guns and other war material.

#### RUSSIANS CAPTURE JABLONITZA.

LONDON, Aug. 21. We have captured Jablonitza, twenty-five miles south-east of the Jabloutitz Pass.

### EAST AFRICA.

#### FURTHER PROGRESS.

LONDON, Aug. 21. Reuter's Correspondent at General Van de Venter's Headquarters reports: We have occupied Kidete near Kilossa after a determined stand.

#### MOVING ON DAR-ES-SALAAM.

General Straits reports: We are moving towards Dar-es-Salaam supported by Naval operations on the coast. Operations began at nightfall on the 18th inst. against strong enemy forces holding the crossings towards the River Ngongoro. Fighting continued till the evening of the 17th when the enemy retreated.

#### THE NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

##### GENERAL MONROE'S SERVICES.

LONDON, Aug. 21. The Times says: General Sir Monro has won great distinction in the present war. His sound soldierly qualities have placed him among the foremost of our Generals. He can perhaps ill be spared from the front, but there are strong reasons why the Imperial Government should send to India at this juncture the ablest man at their disposal. General Monro deservedly enjoys the full confidence of the Imperial Government and we believe this appointment will give great satisfaction to India.

#### THE MESOPOTAMIA COMMISSION.

LONDON, Aug. 21. The Mesopotamia Commission had a formal sitting in the House of Lords today. It is officially announced that an explosion has occurred at a munition factory in Yorkshire and it is believed that there has been a serious loss of life. No details have yet been received.

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#### THE LONDON SCHOOL FOR ORIENTAL STUDIES.

LONDON, Aug. 21. Mr. George Jamieson, formerly Consul-General at Shanghai, has been appointed Governor of the School for Oriental Studies, on the nomination of the China Association.

#### THE HURRICANE IN JAMAICA.

LONDON, Aug. 21. It is officially stated that the whole of the Jamaica banana crop was destroyed by the recent hurricane and that 12 persons were killed.

#### OBITUARY.

MONTREAL, Aug. 21. The death is announced of Major-General Frederick Hanson.

### THE CHINO-JAPANESE INCIDENT AT CHENG-CHIA-TUNG.

#### THE CHINESE CONTENTION.

LONDON, Aug. 21. The Chinese contend that the incident at Cheng Chia Tung was entirely due to the Japanese troops unnecessarily marching to the Chinese barracks. They point out that the Japanese had no right to station troops at Cheng Chia Tung. The Japanese assert that Chinese soldiers threatened a Japanese policeman and soldiers were sent to protect him.

#### THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT BILL.

LONDON, Aug. 21. The House of Lords has passed the second reading of the Parliament Bill.

#### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### BRITISH FRONT.

##### STRONG ENEMY ATTACK REPULED.

LONDON, Aug. 21. General Haig reports: At noon on Sunday, the enemy delivered a strong attack on the new line we have established for about half a mile from the western corner of Highwood. He succeeded in reaching this line at certain points, but he was driven out again by our infantry, who immediately re-occupied the trench.

#### GERMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

As everywhere in other countries, in Rumania, also, German officials and officials agents have spared no efforts or means in their endeavours to increase their influence and to multiply gradually their enterprises and commerce. While England and France together have only ten consular representatives in this country, Germany and Austria are represented by 25 consular agents. As to non-official commercial attaches and agents there can be no comparison, as the Germans alone have several scores more than their adversaries combined. They have also a number of consular agents in the city of Bucharest, while the French and English have no such thing in this country.

#### THE NAVAL "SCRAFF."

LONDON, Aug. 21. The North Sea fight was mainly a scrap between patrols, the big ships apparently never getting into contact, since the German ships retired when warned by their screen patrols.

#### COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA RECALLED.

LONDON, Aug. 21. It is officially announced that General Sir Beauchamp Duff, Commander-in-Chief in India, has been recalled to give evidence before the Mesopotamia Commission, and that he will be succeeded by General Sir H. T. Munro.

#### FAMOUS AVIATOR KILLED.

LONDON, Aug. 21. The well-known French aviator, Brindejonc Moulinet, has been killed in an accident at Verdun.

#### ORGAN RECITAL AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

In St. John's Cathedral last night, Mr. Denman Fuller, F.R.C.O., at the third of a series of Organ Recitals of popular music, gave us of his best. The outstanding item of the programme was the Organist's rendering of which could scarcely be surpassed. Other pieces were Elgar's "Imperial March," two charming melodies entitled "The Question" and "The Answer" by Wolstenholme, and the "Andante" from Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. The concluding item of the programme was a "Toccata" by Widor.

#### AN APPLICATION FOR AN OVERDRAFT.

A wounded subaltern, being desirous of an overdraft on his account, made the following appeal: "Kindly manager of Cox, I am sadly on the rocks. For the time my warring comes; my pockets are in pieces! Though in hospital I lie, I am not about to die. Therefore let me overdraft just a little more. If you stick your red tape, I must do without my grapes, and my lips will surely fret with a cheaper cigarette. Do not let me hard upon a poor, dejected subaltern. This is all I have to say. I'm, Yours truly, R.F.A."

#### JAPANESE SHIPPING AND THE INDIAN TRADE.

A message has been received here stating that the Indian Government has issued an order that no clearance permits will be given to vessels that have not been properly classified; for instance, vessels that have not been passed by Lloyd's Surveyors. This order has been enforced in a few ports of the present order is to be enforced throughout India. This will be a severe blow to not a few Japanese steamers, and it may therefore hamper trade between Japan and India for a time at least. According to the Osaka action taken by the British India Steamship Company, which is said to have secured that the Indian Government should not involve problems of clearance for Japanese vessels, the Japanese Government has issued an order that the Japanese Government should not involve problems of clearance for Japanese vessels.

### GERMANY'S HOLD ON RUMANIA.

#### £2,000,000 YEARLY TRIBUTE.

The "New York World" publishes the following article, dated June 9, from its special correspondent in Bucharest: The peaceful penetration by Germany of Rumania, and the work and organisation accomplished before as well as after the commencement of the war by the Germans in this country, invites the wonder even the respect of an impartial observer, if there was not a discrimination in the ways and means adopted by them to achieve their ends.

#### WILL AUSTRIA HOLD ON?

##### EFFECTS OF ALLIED SUCCESS.

Nine months of ten on opening their newspaper and seeing yet another message about further Austrian defeats mentally exclaim: "Well, it won't be long before Austria is out of it," says Mr. Ernest Hamilton. Writing with a very close knowledge of Austria-Hungary and the many people under the sway of the Hapsburgs, I feel every confidence that Austria will be out of the war before the autumn. This is, of course, provided that Germany performs no military miracles, and few competent observers can be found to think that Germany is any longer in the position of miracle-worker.

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### GERMAN INTRIGUES AGAINST PORTUGAL.

#### TRYING TO MAKE TROUBLE WITH SPAIN.

BARCELONA, June 29. Encouraged by their success in embroiling Mexico and the United States, the Germans are working now to make trouble between Spain and Portugal. In this they are playing for a great stake, and although they are not likely to succeed, the danger must not be entirely ignored. There is no doubt that the Spaniards are not pleased with the Portuguese.

#### THE YUNNAN OPIUM CASE.

##### STATUS OF THE ACCUSED.

The "North China Daily News" calls attention to the following letter which it has received: Sir: We beg the courtesy of your columns to correct a popular misapprehension as to the status of the persons now in custody in connexion with the opium smuggling case. A reference to the Roster of Members of the National Assembly reveals the fact that the persons in question are not members of the National Assembly (Yi-Yuan). They have been ascertained to be merely delegates (tai-piao) to a conference to be held in Peking, more specifically delegates from the provincial government of Yunnan, and are in no respect attached to the national legislature of the Republic of China. Thinking you, Sir, for this reason, space in your esteemed journal.

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